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Public advised to be vigilant as significant coastal impacts expected starting Sunday

County of Kaua'i officials are advising the public to be vigilant and monitor ocean conditions this weekend as hazardous surf is expected to impact the island's north and west coastal areas starting Sunday morning.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), a northwest swell could produce surf up to 35 to 55 feet along the shores of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau. NWS reports that a combination of hazardous surf, strong north winds, and peak monthly high tides could result in the inundation of low-lying coastal areas and roadways Sunday through Monday.

Beach erosion and strong harbor surges with large breaking waves are likely as well, according to NWS, and may cause damage to boats and infrastructure along north and west facing coastlines and harbors.

Ocean Safety officials are advising no swimming at all north and west shore beaches, from Kekaha to Anahola on Sunday.

All beachgoers are advised to heed posted warnings and advisories and use extreme caution when near the shoreline.

For updated information on ocean and weather alerts, visit the NWS website, www.weather.gov/hawaii.

For up-to-date information about ocean conditions and ocean safety, please speak to a county lifeguard at any lifeguard station, or call the Ocean Safety Bureau at 241-4984.